



# DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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**Press Briefing**  
**April 28, 2020**

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# Delaware Cases of COVID-19

**4,575 positive cases**

*since first case confirmed on March 11, 2020*

**137 total deaths**

**1,096 total recoveries**

**337 current hospitalizations**

*As of April 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.*

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# Delaware Cases of COVID-19



**NEW  
CASTLE**

**1,701**

**positive cases**

*since first case confirmed on  
March 11, 2020*

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**728**  
**positive cases**  
*since first case confirmed on  
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**2,114**  
**positive cases**  
*since first case confirmed on*  
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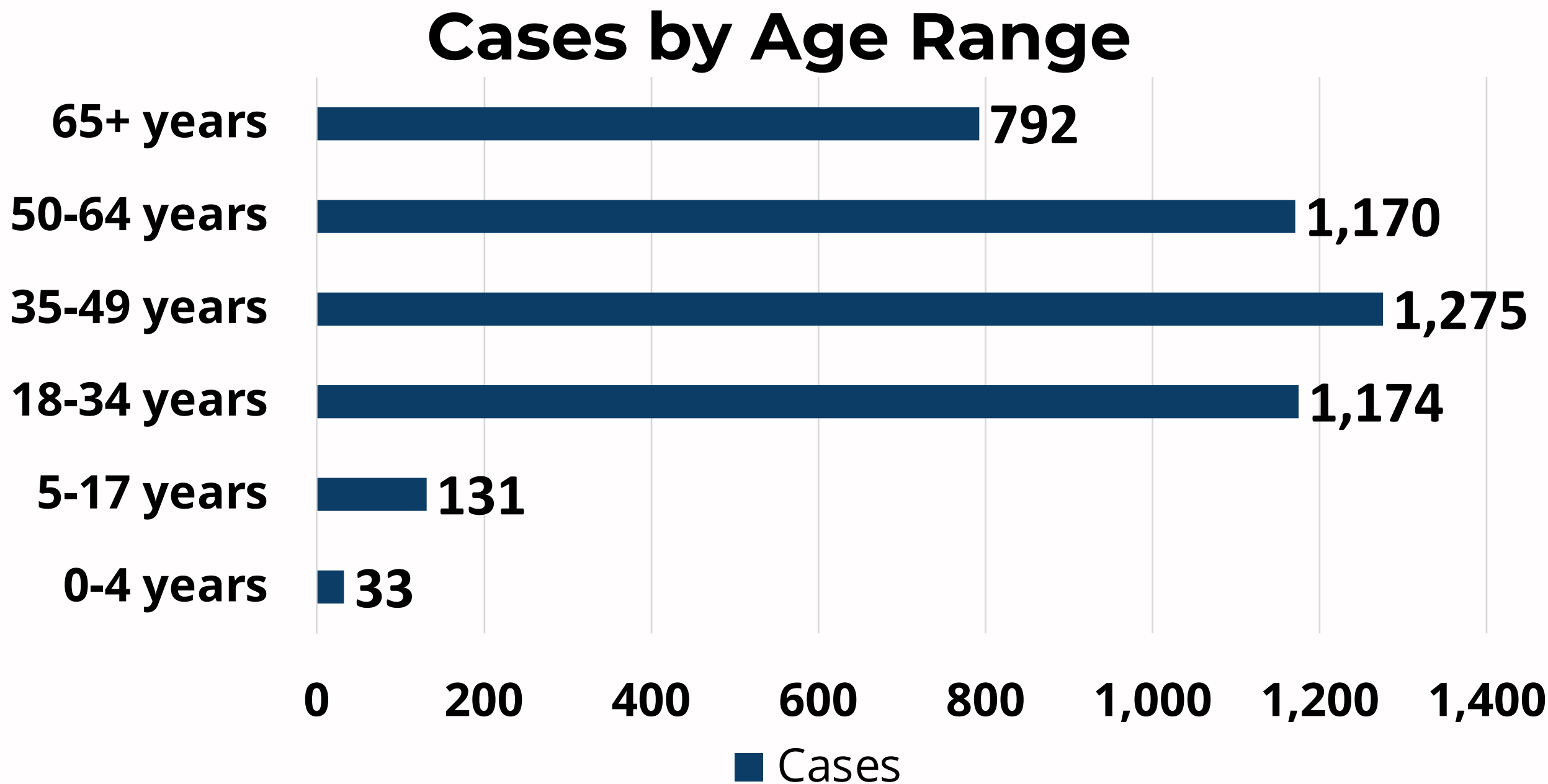
**32 county unknown  
positive cases**

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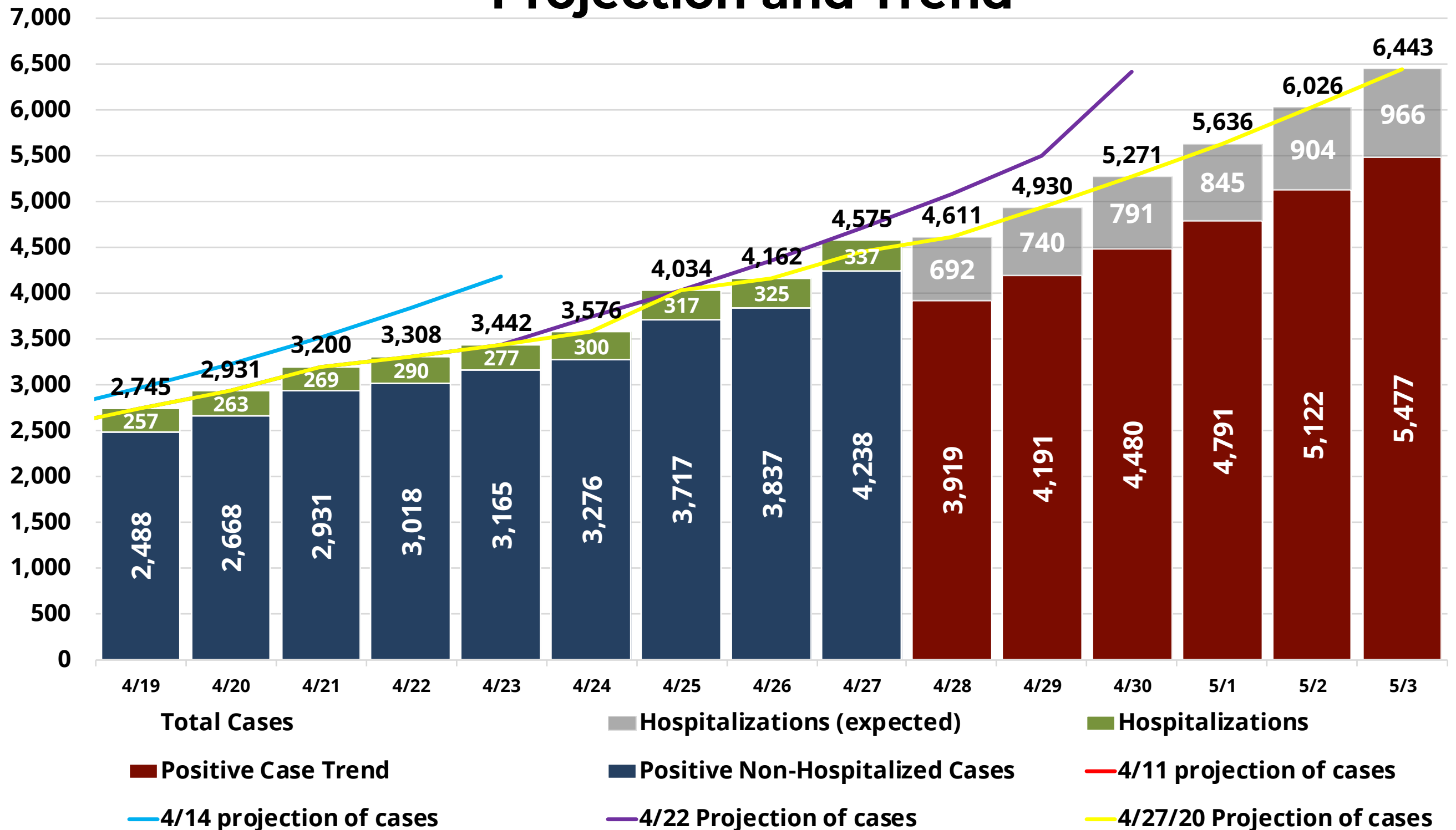


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# Projections

## Projection and Trend

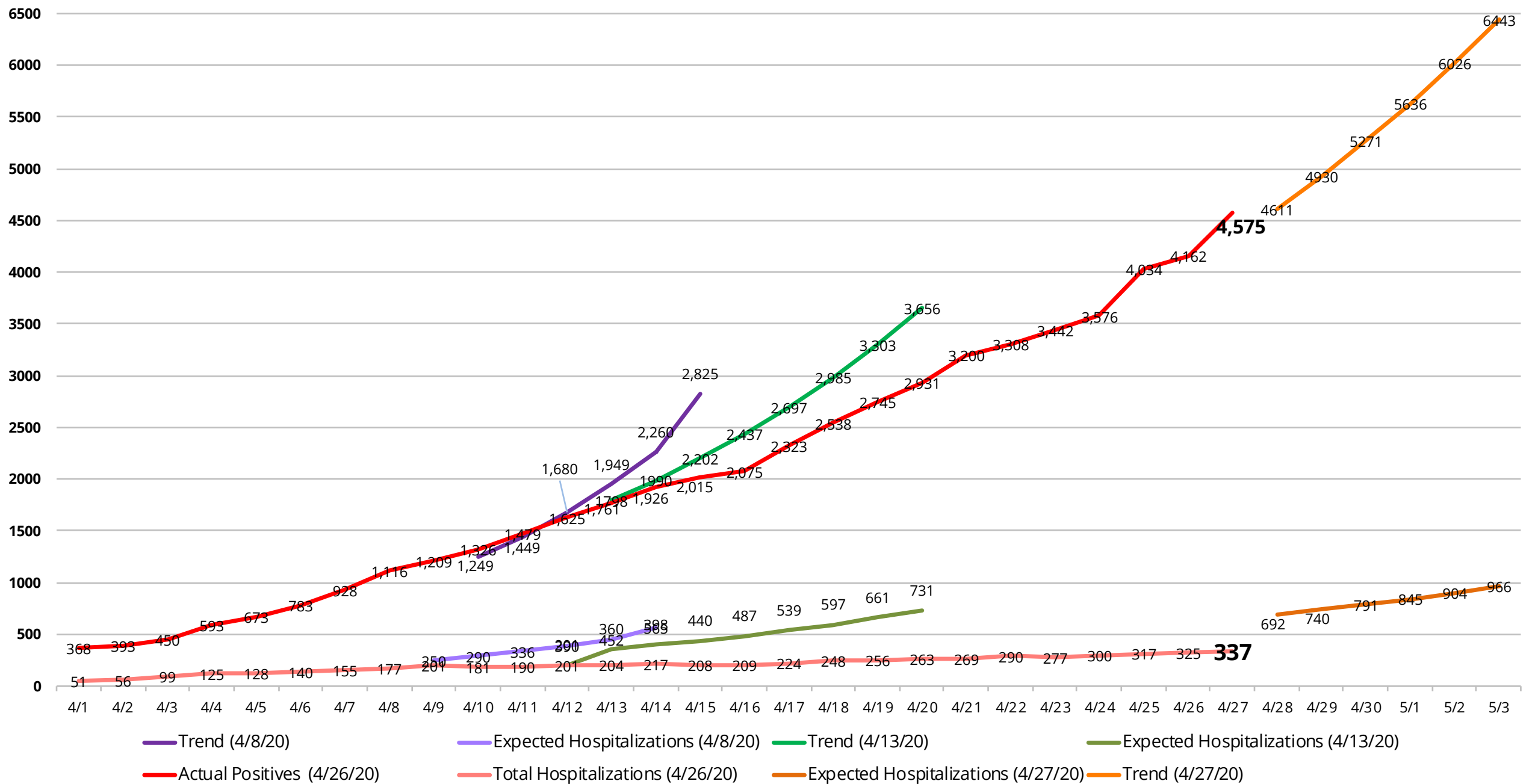




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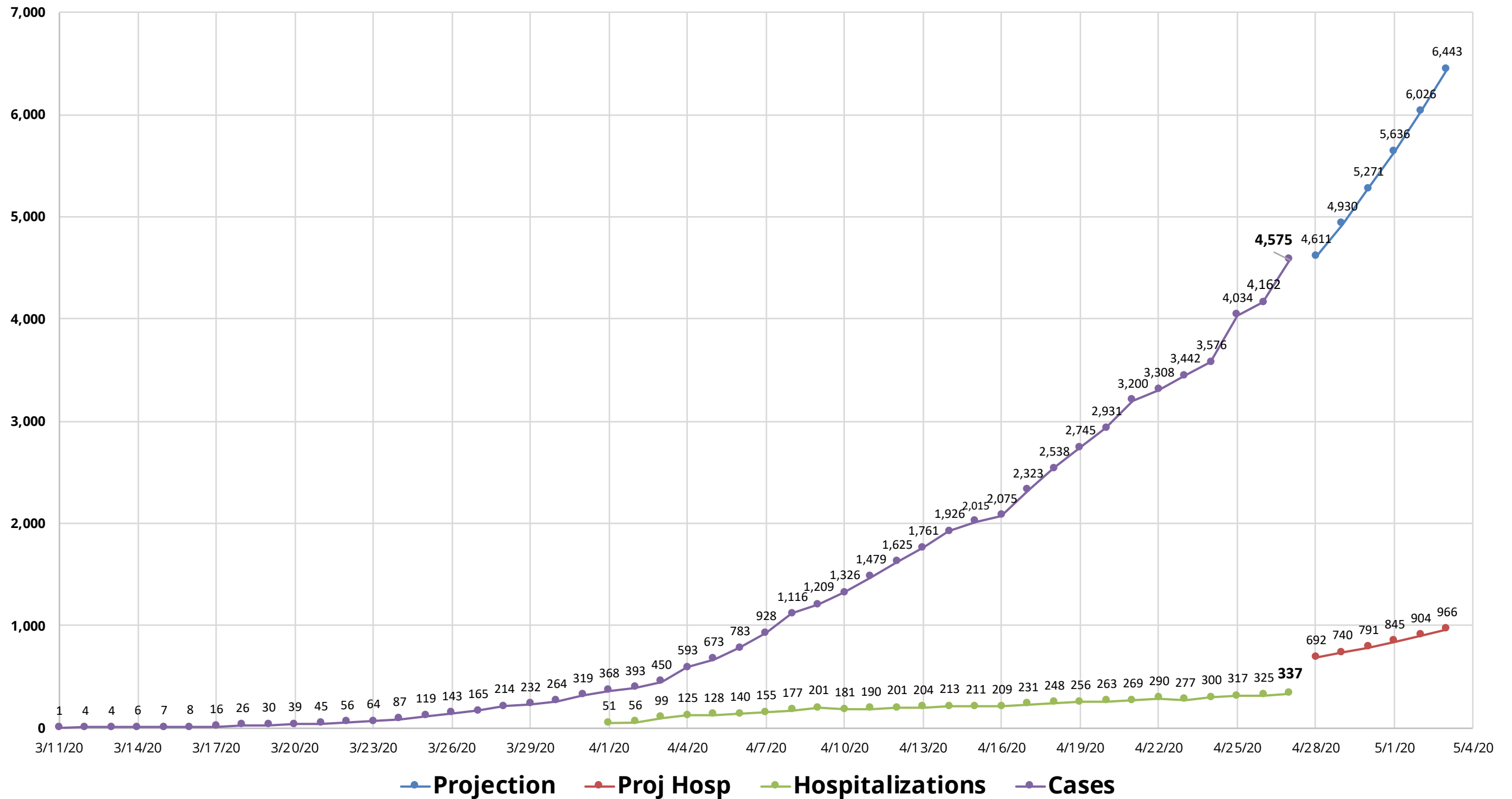
# Trends and Actual - Cases and Hospitalizations

## 4/8/20, 4/13/20, and 4/27/20



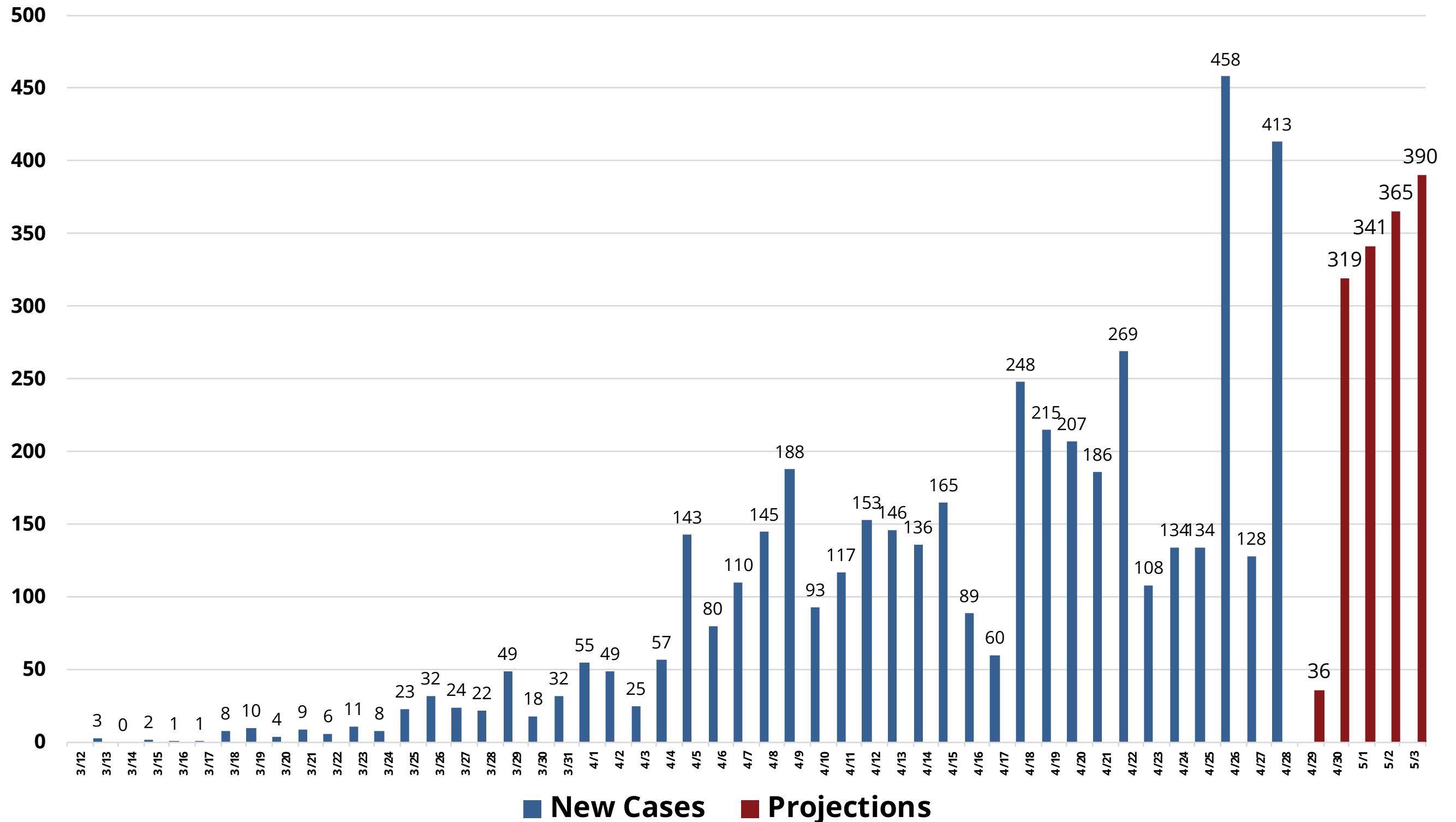
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## Cases & Projections



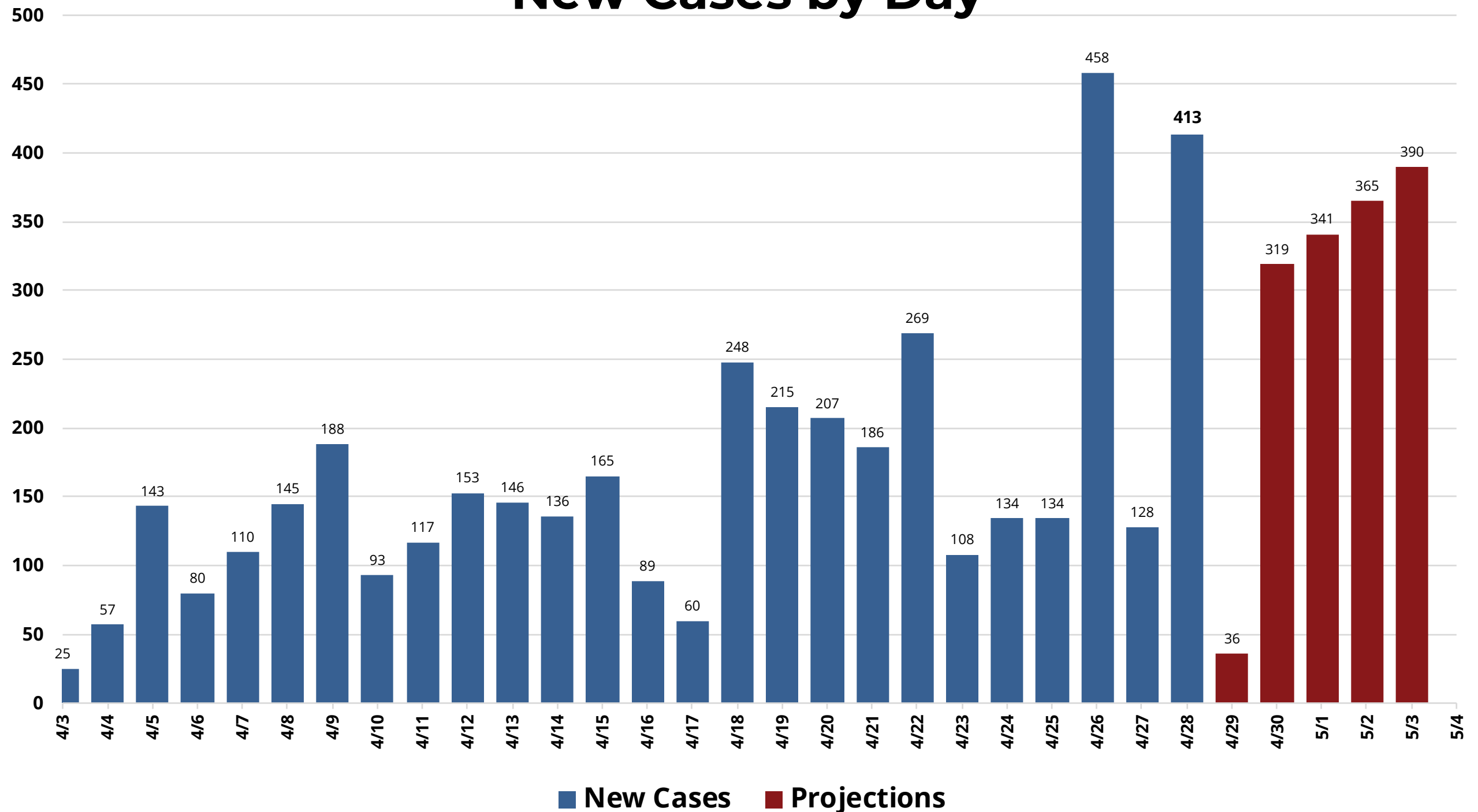
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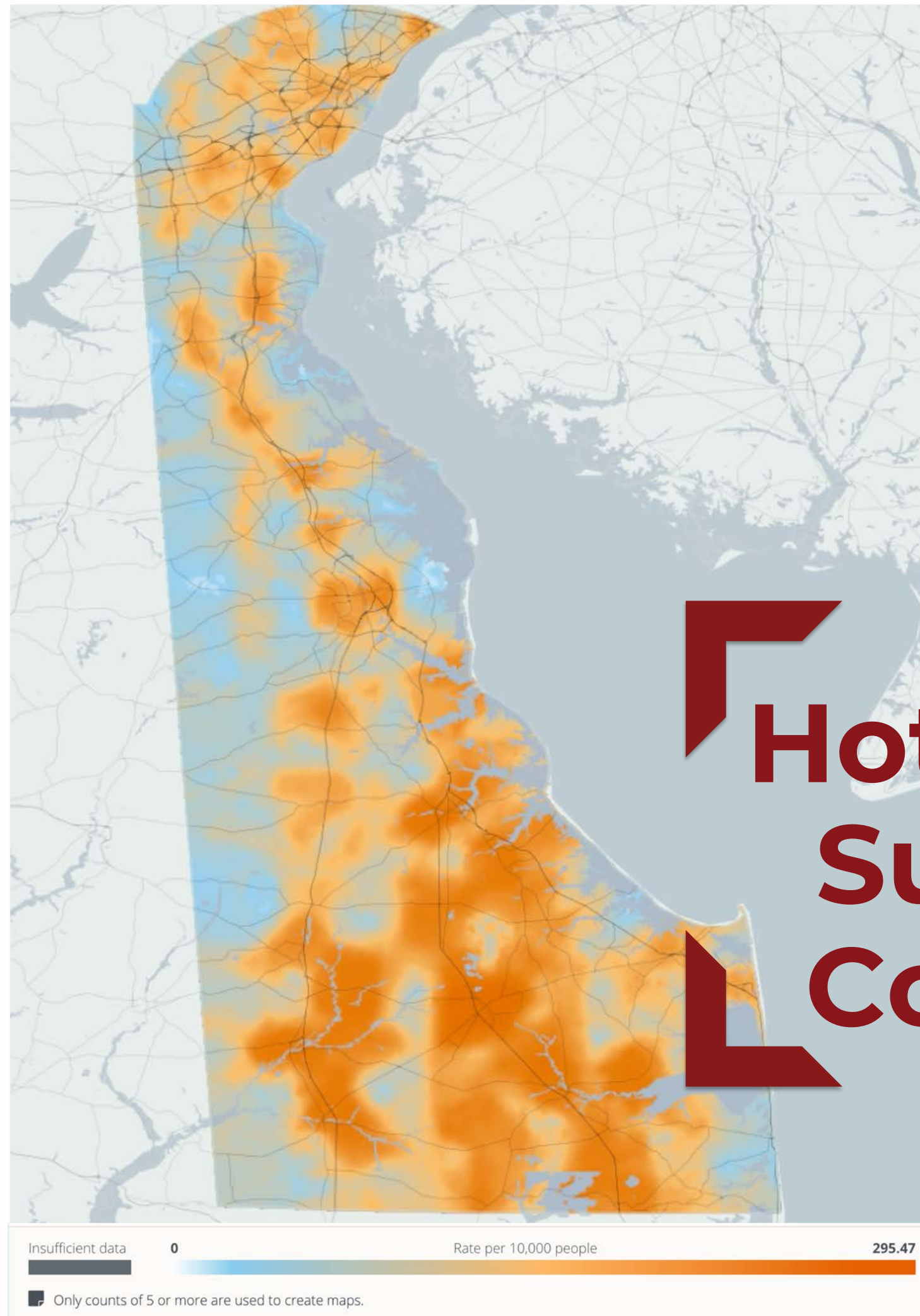
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## New Cases by Day



# Rate of COVID-19 Cases

per 10,000 population



**Hot Spot:  
Sussex  
County**

# Hot Spot: Sussex County

**This is a serious situation.  
The fight is far from over.**

- **More than 35% of test results** at expanded community testing events came back positive for COVID-19
- Sussex County will see **increased testing, community outreach, and urgent communications**

# Delaware's Economy

**Before we can consider reopening Delaware's economy, we must meet the following criteria, based on federal guidelines:**

## **WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN FIRST:**

- 14 days of declining symptoms and presumed positive cases
- Ability to treat COVID-19 patients in hospitals without crisis care
- Extensive testing programs for health care workers

## **TO GET THERE, WE NEED:**

- Widespread testing
- Increased and enhanced contact tracing, especially in vulnerable populations
- Adequate supply of personal protective equipment
- Protecting health and safety of workforce
- Public guidance on social distancing and face coverings
- Constant monitoring of situation to mitigate new outbreaks

## **THEN WE CAN IMPLEMENT PHASES OF RESTART**

Learn more and submit feedback: **[de.gov/economy](https://de.gov/economy)**



# Timeline of Delaware's Response



**MARCH 11**

First confirmed positive case of COVID-19



**MARCH 12**

State of Emergency Declaration



**MARCH 16**

Closed restaurants and bars



**March 21**

Closed Delaware beaches



**MARCH 22**

Stay-At-Home Order



**MARCH 23**

Schools closed until May 15



**MARCH 29**

Out-of-state travelers to self-quarantine for 14 days



**APRIL 1**

Additional business restrictions



**APRIL 6**

Banned short-term and commercial rentals



**APRIL 15**

Stricter measures in long-term care facilities



**APRIL 23**

Removed restrictions on out-of-state health care workers



**APRIL 24**

Schools closed through academic year



**APRIL 28**

Masks required in public settings; Sussex County identified as hot spot

**"Stay safe. Stay home. All restrictions are intended to flatten the curve and preserve hospital capacity."**

**-Governor John Carney**



# Dr. Karyl Rattay

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**Director**  
**Delaware Division of Public Health**

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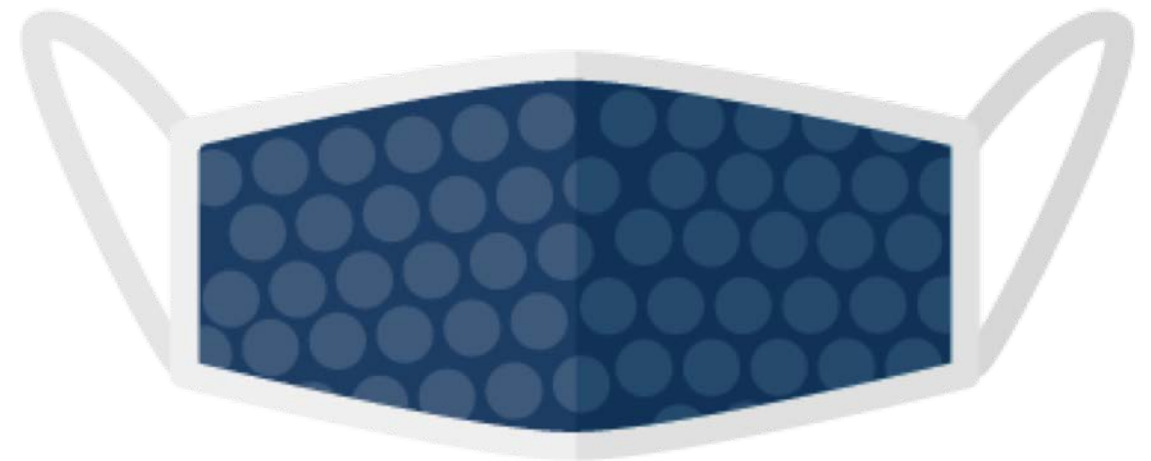
# Face Coverings

## Required in Public Settings

*Do not use on children 2-years-old and under*

- **Use cloth face coverings**

Reserve medical-grade masks for use by health care workers and first responders



- Practice **strict hand-washing before and after** touching the face covering
- Make sure you can **breathe**, and that it **covers your mouth and nose**
- **Not a replacement** for washing hands, practicing physical distancing, and staying home

# Community Testing & Outreach

***Dr. Karyl Rattay***

*Director of the Delaware Division of Public Health*

- **Testing to reach high-risk populations:**
  - **Symptoms** consistent with COVID-19,
  - **Living or working** with someone diagnosed with COVID-19
  - Family members or housemates of **poultry industry workers**
  - **Chronic medical conditions** such as asthma, diabetes, hypertension, or compromised immune systems
- **CDC Epi Aid Team**
  - Will work to **quantify the extent of the spread** in Sussex
  - Identify the **transmission routes**
  - Provide **mitigation recommendations**

# Public Health Response

***Dr. Karyl Rattay***

*Director of the Delaware Division of Public Health*

## Testing

- **Total State Lab Tests – 2,955**
  - Total Positive Results – 726
  - Total Negative Results – 2,229
- **Total Hospital Tests – 22, 044**

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# AJ Schall

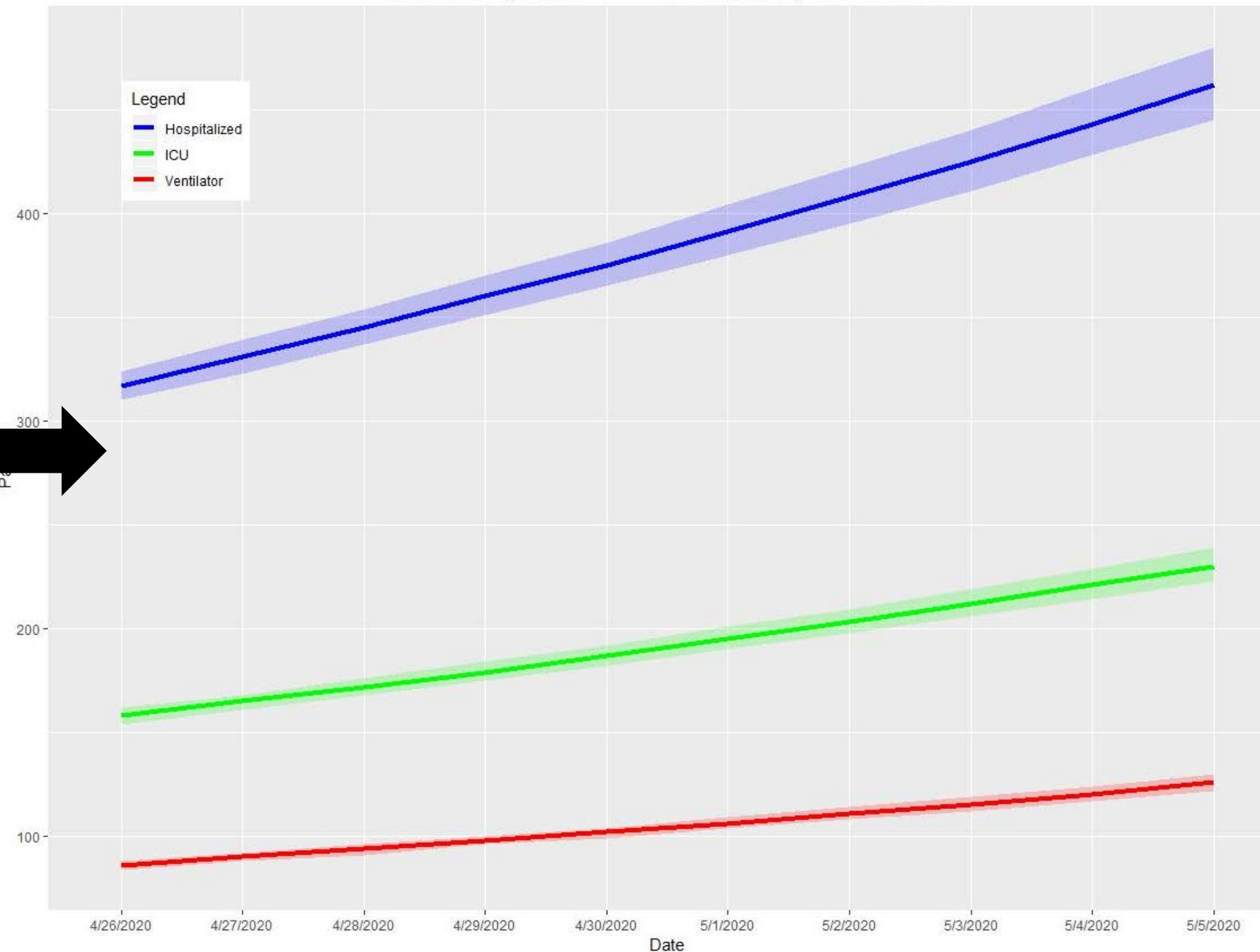
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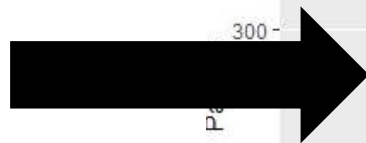
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# Hospital Capacity

Delaware Hospital CHIME Model Forward Projection 4/26/2020

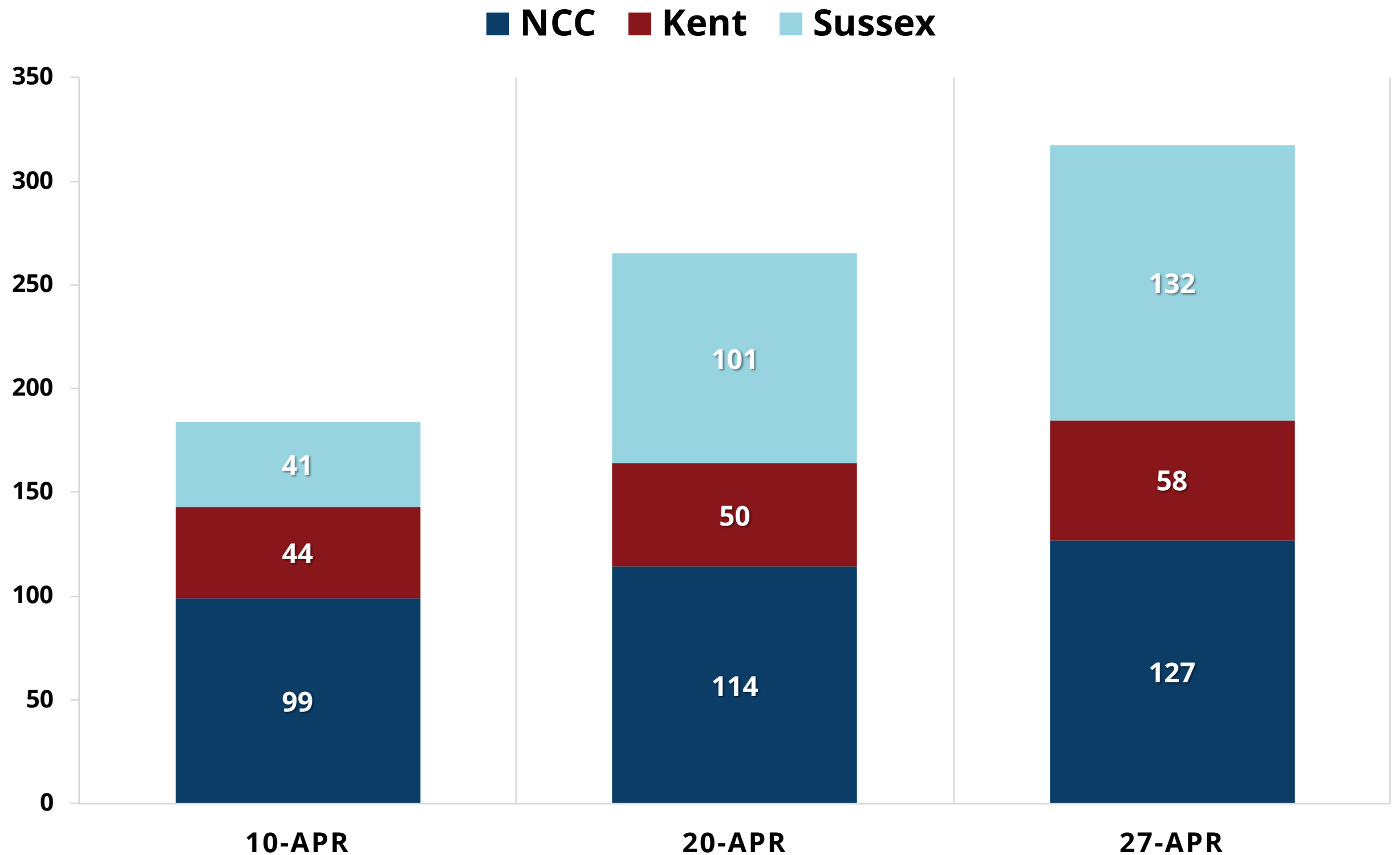


**Last  
week's  
projection  
for Sunday**





# Hospital Capacity



# First Responder Testing

***AJ Schall***

*Director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency*

- **Continuous improvements and increased access for First Responders**
- **Providing each County Paramedic Agency testing capability**
  - Currently testing
  - Soon capability for responders



# Recovery

***AJ Schall***

*Director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency*

- **Federal Disaster Declaration**
  - 53 agencies registered
- **Delaware COVID-19 Emergency Response Initiative (DCF Fund)**
  - \$4 million, distributed \$1.7 million
- **Ongoing effort**

# Disasters & Mental Health

***AJ Schall***

*Director of the Delaware Emergency Management Agency*

**TEXT “DEHOPE” to 557-53**  
**HelpsHereDE.com**

- **Mental health tips and behavioral health updates for self and family**
- **Calendar of virtual events, online support groups, chat lines:**  
**[helpisherede.com/Get-Help/Community-Resources](https://helpisherede.com/Get-Help/Community-Resources)**

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# **We're in this together.**

- Stay home.
- Practice basic hygiene.
- Protect your neighbors.
- Save lives.

**For the latest updates:**

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